Percentage of Scheduled Tribes

4705. SHRI K. R. MALKANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the respective percentage of Christian and non-Christian Scheduled Tribe persons in the country; and

(b) out of Class I Government jobs held by Scheduled Tribes, what percentage is held by Christian and non-Christian Tribe, respectively.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) The respective percentage of Christian and non-Christian Scheduled Tribe population was 6.99 and 93.01 as per the 1981 Census.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cheating by IPS Officer

4706. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Indian Express of 2nd January 1994 under the caption, 'An IPS Officer and a swindler';

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said IPS Officer of Punjab has swindled about 25 traders and 20 officers and collected lakhs of rupees by cheating and fradulent means;

(d) if so, wwhat are the details in this regard; and

(e) what action Government have taken against the said police officer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The news item under reference refers to Shri G. C. Verma, an IPS Officer of Punjab Cadre. Government of Punjab, as well as Government of India, have received several complaints alleging that Shri Verma has duped a number of traders, companies, Banks and officers. However, it has not been feasible to ascertain the exact number of victims and the amount so collected by Shri Verma. The officer has since been placed under suspension and disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against him for his fradulent conduct.

Latest Electronic devices to Security Forces in Kashmir

4707. SHRI K. R. MALKANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the security forces stationed in the Kashmir Valley (excluding army) have approached Government to porvide them with the latest modes of electronic surveillance in an attempt to neutralise the use of Sophisticated wireless sets by militants;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of latest modes of electronic surveillance, the security forces have suffered heavy casualties as a result of ambushes by the militants; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken to provide the latest electronic devices to the security forces to enable them to effectively counter militant activities in the Kashmir Valley ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No specific proposal of this nature has been received from the Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) stationed in J&K in the recent past.

(b) Security forces personnel have suffered casualities in different types of attacks by the terrorists, including explosions, ambushes, encounters, etc., but it is not possible to establish any direct nexus between such casualities and availability of specific types of gadegtary.

(c) The needs of CPMFFs for sophisticated equipment, as and when received, are examined and appropriate action taken, keeping in view the justification for the same.